



EXHIBIT C TO PETITION

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For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF
TRAUMATIC SYNOVITIS AND DAMAGE TO ARTICULAR CARTILAGE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

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Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed, in part, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. § 708.02 I & II and is being filed as Exhibit C to the "Petition to Make Special" for the above-styled application. As set forth more fully below, the following amendments are being submitted for clarity and to correct inadvertent typographical errors and to enhance the efficient expedited prosecution of the application to issue.

Please enter the following amendments to the above-styled application. In the Specification, please enter the amendments to paragraphs 0022 and 0035 as set forth in

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the “Amendments To the Specification” on pages 3-4 herein. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 (b)(1) sections (i) and (ii) on pages 3-4 in the “Amendments To The Specification” unambiguous instructions for amending paragraphs 0022 and 0035 of the specification are provided along with the full text of the replacement paragraphs with markings to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraphs.

In addition, please amend claims 1 and 10 as set forth in the “Amendments To the Claims” as presented on pages 5-9 herein. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 (c), the claim listing being presented in the “Amendments To The Claims” on pages 5-9 of the amendment provides a complete listing of all pending claims showing a clean version of all original claims and the required markings showing amendments to currently amended claims 1 and 10.

For the reasons set forth below, the following amendments are believed to correct inadvertent typographical errors in the specification and more clearly and distinctly claim what Applicant regards as the invention. The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and consideration of the amendments and early allowance of the application is respectfully requested.